

DAWN McCLOWRY AUL



Dawn McClowry Aul, aged 84, died on Monday September 23, 2024, with the same grace and dignity with which she led her life. Born Sylvia Dawn Ann McClowry, on October 7, 1939, to James and Gertrude (Lentz) McClowry, she was called Dawn after the New Dawn Rose. Dawn is survived by her husband, Robert C. Aul; daughters, Jamie D. Aul and Carey Douglas (John); her sister-in-law, Kitty Pugliese;

nieces, Kip Johnston (Wesley), Mary Young (Bob), Dianne Kandrack (Mark), and Debbie Bauer (Mark). She was predeceased by her brother, Dr. James T. McClowry. Also survived by several great-nieces and nephews.

Despite having had many health challenges, Dawn was a joy to take care of during her final years. She had a kind word and smile for everyone around her (and sometimes a wink!). Her spirit evoked the same kindness and compassion from the people who surrounded her, and her caregivers and therapists helped keep her vibrant and healthy as they became part of the family. The family is eternally grateful to the whole team who made it possible for Dawn to stay at home and thrive.

Dawn lived her life in the way that we all should; with kindness, empathy, and humor for everyone around her. She created the most welcoming of homes, with the goal that everyone who entered would be comfortable and at ease and well fed. Her smile could light up a room, and instantly change the mood. Life is full of challenges, but we can only hope to follow in Dawn's footsteps in always rising to the occasion and meeting those challenges with grace.

Although Dawn's physical heart ultimately gave out, her true heart remains perfect.

Friends will be received at **JOHN A. FREYVOGEL SONS, INC.** (freyvogelfuneralhome.com), 4900 Centre Avenue, at Devonshire Street, on Thursday, September 26, 2024, from 3-7 p.m. Funeral Friday, September 27, 2024, Mass of Christian Burial, St. Paul Cathedral 10 a.m. (At the request of the family, everyone please gather at church.) Entombment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill. In addition, in the spirit of "What Would Dawn Do"-as the autumn days become darker and colder, please find a time to come share your fondest memories of Dawn by stopping at the apartment for a cup of coffee, or scheduling a lunch (in particular with Bob, who will miss Dawn terribly).

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